

**Fairfax-Falls Church Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes**

May 14, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
Pennino Building / Human Services Center
12011 Government Center Parkway
Room 836A

Committee Members in Attendance: Loretta Redelman (Chair), Ron Lambert, Chris Harrison

Committee Members Excused: Judy Regner

Others in Attendance: Kathleen Baker (ServiceSource), Vicki Butterfield (CLA), Kelly Murphy (Blue Ridge Residential), Jim Copeland (APTS), Channell Sanchez (CRI), Luc Bitjad (CRI), Tim Simmons (Human Rights Advocate), Diane Larkin (LHRC Support), Lisa Blecker (LHRC Support)

The meeting convened at 1:05 p.m. The April 9th minutes were approved as written.

I. Annual Summary

A summary of the annual human rights activities was presented by Kathleen Baker for ServiceSource and by Vicki Butterfield for Community Living Alternatives.

II. Medical/Protective Restraints

Kelly Murphy from Blue Ridge Residential presented a list of their sites in Northern Virginia and sites that are in development. She also shared a list of the medical/protective restraints used by four individuals and answered questions posed by the committee. These medical restraints will be reviewed annually by the LHRC as part of the annual human rights summary.

III. Restrictive Plan Discussion

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to move into Executive Session to review client issues at 2:30 p.m. and the committee came out of Executive Session at 3:50 p.m. One annual with a medication change was reviewed and approved for three months. There was one recommendation for the program to clarify if the rear-facing seatbelt is also used at work and if so how and when. Twelve quarterlies were reviewed and approved for three months with only one recommendation for a program to provide data covering a 12-month period on the quarterly for comparison purposes.

IV. Advocate's Report

Tim Simmons distributed a list of providers to the LHRC members with the names of the licensure specialist and the status of their submission of program policies and procedures.

Tim also stated that now all complaints are reportable. The State will be using the Avatar system by July 1. Providers will use this system to enter all their complaints. Until this system is in operation, providers must continue to track all their complaints.

There is a human rights complaint that has been filed against the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB around housing. The advocate will meet with the individual this week to see if the complaint has been resolved or if the individual wants to pursue other options.

V. Committee Business Session

The committee accepted nominations and approved unanimously Chris Harrison as the next Chair of the LHRC and Judy Regner as Vice-Chair. The nomination for a Secretary has been deferred till the new members are appointed.

The research for Brain Injury Services will be voted on next month.

The policies and procedure for Alternative House were approved with one recommendation.

Loretta Redelman shared her impressions of her visit to the program operated by Platinum Healthcare.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, June 11th**, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 836 A of the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax County Government Center Complex.